

**ECONOMICS - MAJOR**  
**Undergraduate Requirement Check List**

**Important Notes:**

- 1) This is a check list for your convenience only - it does not replace the bulletin. For details regarding the requirements below you must consult the bulletin.
- 2) You must receive a grade of **C-** or higher in any class taken for major credit. The ONLY exception is **UN1105 Principles** which you may take Pass/D/Fail and must receive a “P” grade for it to count towards the major. If you have taken a required class **P/D/F**, then you will be required to uncover the P. After receiving a P, you may not retake a course for a letter grade.
- 3) You must have all **transfer credits** for economics classes approved by the economics department. See the Transfer Credit Information page for details: <http://econ.columbia.edu/transfer-credit-information>.
- 4) **ECON and Math AP/IB/GCE Credits:** CC Students: said credits must appear in your SSOL transcript. GS Students: said credits must be confirmed in writing by your school advisor or included on your transfer credit submission to the department.
- 5) High school math and IB math *Standard-level* exam that exempt students from MATH UN1101, but do not grant college credits must have those missing credits replaced by taking an **additional course** – for details, go to: <https://econ.columbia.edu/undergraduate/requirements-and-forms/>
- 6) You will not receive major credit for a course taken before the completion of its pre-requisites.

**I. Quantitative Requirements**

Taken	Course	Prerequisites
	MATH UN 1101 Calculus I <b>or</b> MATH UN 1102 Calculus II	None
	MATH UN 1201 Calculus III <b>or</b> MATH UN 1205 Accelerated Multivariable Calculus	MATH UN 1101 or MATH UN 1102
	STAT UN 1201 Calc Based Intro to Stats	MATH UN 1101

List any **exam credits** (AP, IB etc) or **department approved substitution(s)** (e.g. transfer credits) for the above

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Notes

- You may substitute the Honors math sequence (UN 1207 - 1208) for Calculus I and III
- You may substitute a higher level stats course, such as STAT GU 4204 or STAT GU 4001 for STAT UN1201

**II. Core Courses**

- Students may not take any of the core economics courses concurrently with a senior seminar in economics.
- You must complete all of these courses at least one semester before your planned graduation date. If you are planning to take any of these courses in your penultimate semester, then you must write to the DUS for specific permission to do so.
- You may not take any of the Barnard core economics classes to replace any of the classes listed below

Taken	Course	Prerequisites
	UN 1105 Principles of Economics	None
	UN 3211 Intermediate Micro	ECON UN 1105 and MATH UN 1201
	UN 3213 Intermediate Macro	ECON UN 1105 and MATH UN 1101 Corequisite: MATH UN 1201
	UN 3412 Econometrics	ECON UN 3211 or ECON 3213, MATH UN 1201 and STAT UN 1201

List any **exam credits** (AP, IB etc) or **department approved substitution(s)** (e.g. transfer credits) for the above

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### **III. Electives**

Five elective courses in Economics are required.

- At Columbia only elective courses taken from either the Columbia or Barnard Economics Department may be used to fulfill the elective requirement.
- No more than one can be at the *2000 level*.
- **No accounting** courses including ECON UN 2261 may be taken for elective credit for the economics major.
- All electives in the Economics Department at the 3000 or 4000 level require BOTH UN 3211 and UN 3213 as prerequisites (and some have additional pre-requisites). Prerequisites can be found at [Course Prerequisites | Department of Economics at Columbia University](#)
- Senior Seminars do not count as electives.

Course Number	Course Title

List any **approved substitution(s)**, including transfer credits, for above requirements.

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### **Required Number of Courses Taken in the Columbia Department of Economics:**

Economics Majors are required to take a **minimum of 5 lecture courses in the department**. These 5 lectures courses will include both economics core and elective lecture courses. In addition, students must take their senior seminar in the department.

**List number of lecture courses taken in the Economics Department:** \_\_\_\_\_ (*minimum = 5*)

### **IV. Seminar**

One senior seminar is required from the following:

- ECON GU 4911 Micro, GU 4913 Macro, GU 4918 Econometrics, GU 4999 Senior Honors Seminar (2 semesters) or GU 4921 Political Economy.
- Barnard seminars are not allowed to be taken to fulfill this requirement.
- UN 3211, UN 3213 and UN 3412 are the prerequisites for all seminars. GU4921 has an additional prerequisite of GU4370.
- Senior Seminar must be taken in the Columbia Economics Department.

Course Number	Course Name

Students who have **questions** about any of the **above requirements** should first consult the bulletin or the online **FAQ page** at: <https://econ.columbia.edu/undergraduate/student-information/faq/>

If after consulting the bulletin and the FAQ page you still have questions, then contact: [econ-advising@columbia.edu](mailto:econ-advising@columbia.edu).